

SP Corps Chief's Award of Excellence

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2003 SP Corps Chief's Award of Excellence.

IAW MEDCOM Regulation 15-8, each year, the SP Corps recognizes a company grade officer in Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Dietetics for their leadership, job performance, and self-improvement.

CPT David Admire, 65A, is a staff OT at BAMC. During the past year, Dave has worked diligently at McWethy Troop Medical Clinic instituting an Upper Extremity Screening Clinic to decrease AIT students appointment wait time. In February, CPT Admire deployed in a PROFIS position with the 115th Field Hospital to Camp Arafjon, Kuwait. While in theater, his team provided OT services to over 20,000 Soldiers and civilians. Shortly upon his redeployment from Kuwait, Dave was sent on a humanitarian mission to Honduras where he provided a level of hand rehabilitative care otherwise unavailable to over 50 pre- and post-op patients. He also provided education seminars to Honduran rehab professionals. In his spare time, Dave is working towards a master's degree. CPT Admire was nominated by COL Kathleen S. Zurawel, Chief PT and PM&R at BAMC.

CPT Dan Fisher, 65B, commands the largest Fitness Training Company in the Army that at times exceeds more than 750 soldiers. Under his command, the company has instituted numerous innovative programs. He has combined conditioning, military skills training, and educational programs in a unique way to reduce attrition and motivate Soldiers to return to training. "Return to Training" ceremonies and pictures on the "Warrior Wall" recognize those Soldiers who successfully transition back to full training. In addition to typical command duties, CPT Fisher is a member of the TRADOC multi-service Attrition Reduction and Injury Prevention Task Force and is working to obtain a grant from CHPPM in order to purchase more rehab equipment. CPT Fisher was nominated by LTC Barbara L. Zacharczyk, the Commander of the 120th Reception Station at Fort Jackson.

CPT James Pulliam, 65C, is currently the MEDDAC Company Commander at General Leonard Wood MEDDAC, Fort Leonard Wood, MO. Jim was selected to command based on his demonstrated leadership potential and willingly accepted a dual-hatted role as Chief, Production & Service and Company Commander. While expertly commanding Soldiers, he continues making improvements in Nutrition Care including launching a new Room Service patient menu and a grab and go service. CPT Pulliam demonstrates a phenomenal ability to do many things at once as he completed a master's degree, became certified as an Adult Weight Manager, and earned his Air Assault badge. CPT Pulliam was nominated by LTC Rhonda L. Podojil, Former Chief, Nutrition Care at Fort Leonard Wood.

The Surgeon General's Physician Assistant Recognition Award (PARA) will be announced in the spring during the annual Society of Army Physician Assistants meeting.



COL Hooper, SP Corps Chief, presented a SP Corps coin to CPT Admire and CPT Pulliam in San Antonio, TX, while CPT Fisher will receive his SP Corps coin from LTC Zacharczyk at Fort Jackson in January.